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# Letters dated 11 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and following my letters dated 3 January 2018 (S/2018/8), 13 October 2017 (S/2017/862) and 19 June 2017 (S/2017/521) regarding the United States hostile, interventionist and destabilizing approach towards the Islamic Republic of Iran, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention:

Some political figures and associates of the United States Government like Rudolph William Louis Giuliani and Newton Leroy Gingrich participated in a gathering held in Paris on 30 June 2018 by an anti-Iranian terrorist cult that openly incites blind violence against Iranian civilians. These associates of the United States Government have contributed to, and made baseless allegations and false statements against, the Islamic Republic of Iran in the said gathering.

The so-called Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO) is a notorious terrorist cult responsible for the death of more than 17,000 Iranians, including parliamentarians, high-ranking governmental and military authorities, innocent ordinary citizens as well as foreign nationals, documented with different United Nations bodies and independent organizations (see, for instance, S/1994/983, S/1998/817, A/54/81, S/2000/128, S/2000/164, S/2000/216, S/2000/912, S/2000/1036, S/2000/1169, S/2000/1170, S/2001/271, S/2006/649 and S/2008/675).

This terrorist and violent cult had also been listed and sanctioned for years as terrorist group by the United States, and other States and regional unions for committing terrorist crimes. It is clear that removal of the cult from the United States list in 2012, done after intense lobbying by the United States politicians who have been paid by this group, was just a manifestation of double standard and selective approach of the United States Government in fighting terrorism.

Contrary to the recent misleading claims by this terrorist group, there is enough proof and evidence to the continuation of their dangerous deviant ideology and despicable modus operandi as well as involvement in terrorist operations for all of which the United States has international responsibility. As a case in point, the cult cooperated with adversaries' intelligence services in the plots to assassinate Iranian nuclear scientists between 2010 and 2015. This terrorist group has also militarily assisted Saddam Hussein's regime in its aggression against the Iranian nation (September 1980–August 1988) and was directly involved in the massacre of Kurds and Arab people in Iraq.



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The Islamic Republic of Iran condemns in the strongest terms the illegal measures of the United States Government against Iranian people including through supporting and financing of MKO as terrorist group, and considers this unlawful action in violation of international law, the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations as well as the well-established international rules on countering terrorism, in particular international obligations of United States Government to prevent, prosecute and punish terrorist crimes. The United States Government shall cease and desist from such illegal measures and discontinue this policy.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Gholamali **Khoshroo**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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# Letter dated 12 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you with reference to the Syrian regime's letters and recent remarks delivered at the Security Council, General Assembly and other United Nations meetings, a list of which is attached herewith (see annex).

Turkey categorically rejects the hallucinatory allegations contained in these letters and remarks. These are nothing but futile efforts aimed at distorting the stark reality regarding the atrocities committed by the regime that amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The Syrian regime has lost its legitimacy long ago. Its so-called "representative" in New York is not the legitimate representative of the Syrian people; his words or deeds have no validity whatsoever.

The regime has a well-documented and ever-growing record of use of chemical weapons against its obligations emanating from international agreements and conventions to which it is party.

The regime is the very root cause of all the problems emanating from the Syrian conflict and will be held accountable. We welcome, in this regard, the decision taken at the Chemical Weapons Convention Conference of the State Parties to give the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons the authority to attribute responsibility for the use of chemical weapons. This was an important demonstration of the international community's determination that the regime will never be allowed to wash its hands of its crimes.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Feridun H. **Sinirlioğlu**
Permanent Representative

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## Annex to the letter dated 12 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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28 June 2018, United Nations High-level Conference on Counter-Terrorism

27 June 2018, Security Council meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in Syria

25 June 2018, Security Council debate on the Middle East and North Africa

20 June 2018, Third Review Conference of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

26 April 2018, High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace

17 April 2018, Security Council meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in Raqqa and Rukhban

12 April 2018, Security Council open debate on Sexual Violence in Conflict

8 April 2018, Security Council meeting on the Situation in the Middle East and the Threats to International Peace and Security

27 March 2018, Security Council meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in Syria

16 March 2018, Security Council meeting on the Political Situation in Syria

12 March 2018, Security Council meeting on the Implementation of Council resolution 2401 (2018)